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Marlene Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
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RE: **Docket #07-16**

Dear Secretary Dortch:

I am writing in support of the petition by M2Z to provide free, broadband Internet access to all Americans. Having served in the Ohio Senate for 17 years and chairing the Committee on Health, Human Services, and Aging, it is my belief that senior citizens will only become Internet users once the cost comes down. All of our senior citizens would benefit from free Internet access as outlined in the petition to the FCC and I hope you will consider the petition carefully.

Aside from senior citizens, it is also apparent to me that students, especially those from low-income families, would benefit from this free service. As the Director of the Ohio Center for the Advancement of Women in Public Service, I work with students on a daily basis. Accessing information on the Internet is critical to the research that students must conduct in the classroom. From firsthand information I know that many students cannot afford to have the Internet at home and are thus denied the ability to compete with their fellow students.

Please take favorable action on the M2Z petition for free, broadband Internet access and allow our students and seniors the opportunity to use the Internet.

Best wishes,

Senator Grace L. Drake
Director

Cc FCC Chairman Kevin Martin
Commissioner Copps
Commissioner Adelstein
Commissioner Tate
Commissioner McDowell
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Senator George Voinovich

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